

Summary of the August 24, 2016 Every Woman CT Advisory Committee Meeting

Changes in Advisory Committee membership

Welcome to new members Nancy Turner, FASD Program Coordinator and Dr. Margie Rosenthal, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics at Yale. Susan Radway has left SDE. She has been hired as the Executive Director of Riverfront Children's Center in Groton. A letter has been sent to her supervisor, John Frassinelli, requesting another SDE representative.

Presentation on Every Woman CT was featured on a national CoIN sponsor webinar

On June 29 DPH hosted an Every Woman CT presentation that featured Jordana Frost, Marijane Carey, Kenn Harris and Rita Foster, which focused on the implementation of One Key Question in eight CT communities. Feedback was very positive from those who participated in webinar and a number of states contacted Jordana for more information on how to implement a similar model.

Contact me if you would like a copy of webinar presentation.

Interpregnancy Interval (IPI) Data

The definition of IPI is the timing between a live birth and conception of a subsequent live birth. (Source: CDC)

The following charts on the data were shared and reviewed at the meeting:

- IPI among women aged 15-44 years with a prior pregnancy, CT 2015
- Percent of women aged 15-44 with a prior pregnancy < 18 months, by maternal characteristics and birth outcomes, CT 2015

Contact me if you would like a copy of these charts.

The first chart supports the work of Every Woman CT as, in 2015, 58% of the women had an interpregnancy interval other than the ideal of between 18 and 59 months. In regard to the second chart, there was a request for numbers in addition to the percents provided.

DPH is preparing IPI reports covering the last three years which will give us enough data to look at the 8 OKQ communities and to identify other high need geographic areas in the state.

Training for providers who will be asking One Key Question

We are working on getting Fall training sessions scheduled on the following topics:

- Optimal birth spacing, reproductive life planning and family planning options for non-clinical staff by PPSNE, who would like to limit participants to 30. Therefore, we are working on doing these training on a regional basis. DPH has applied for CoIN funds to support these trainings.
- Training by 2-1-1 on how to, via the 2-1-1 website, access substantive information on programs and systems, eligibility requirements and making referrals to programs, including those addressing health disparities,
- Training by Judy Dicine's staff on conducting an environmental home assessment during home visits

- The impact of chronic illnesses on women's health and birth outcomes (still in development)
Note: Through the use of interns placed with the VNASC (Deborah) and the March of Dimes (Jordana) there will be an opportunity to do focus groups around lactation and birth spacing that we are hoping can include information around chronic diseases and utilizing OKQ. There was consensus that mental health issues (such as, the impact of not taking medications during pregnancy and the effects of marijuana) should be considered a chronic disease.

To access the Health Leads website, go to <https://healthleadsusa.org/>. To view and download the social needs screening tool, click on the Resources tab on the top of the page, and then click on tools. We see this document as a resource for our toolkit and will make it available to programs in the 8 communities.

Please feel free to share any thoughts on OKQ trainings that we will be offering through the Every Woman CT Learning Collaborative, including topics, presenters, materials, etc.

The 2017 Action Agenda for addressing women's health, pre/interconception care and birth outcomes

Based on the review and discussion of our current action agenda, Jordana will do a draft of next year's action plan for sharing at the September 8 SHIP Summit. It will not be considered a final draft. There will be an opportunity to edit the document after the 8th. Please review the draft you receive from Jordana. We will follow up after the Summit to get consensus on a final draft

Follow up Tasks:

- Jordana and Daileann will review possible activities occurring in the state aimed at reducing/eliminating institutionalized racism (as identified in the Plan to Improve Birth Outcomes)
- Jordana will talk to Leigh and Beasha re: engaging dental hygienists in using OKQ.
- Susan will send me information on the Medicaid Family Planning Limited Benefits Program that I will forward to everyone.
- I am forwarding to all MCH Coalition members an email from Nancy Turner with more information on the September 9 FASD Awareness Day

Meeting Participants:

Joan Ascheim, Department of Public Health (DPH)
Marie Burlette, DPH (by phone)
Beasha Bartlette, CT Dental Health Partnership (CTDHP)
Deborah Buxton Morris, Southeast VNA (VNASC)
Kathleen Callahan, CT Women's Consortium (CWC)
Marc Camardo, DPH
Marijane Carey, Carey Consulting
Marcia Cavacas, DPH

Rita Foster, East Shore District Health Department (by phone)
Jordana Frost, March of Dimes
Daileann Hemmings, Community Health Network (CHN)
Connie Heye, Office of Early Childhood (OEC)
Margie Hudson, DPH
Susan Lane, Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE)
Berit Mann, Hill Health Center (by phone)
Nancy Turner, FASD Program Coordinator @ [Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc.](#)
Leigh Vitukinas, CTDHP
Faith Voswinkel, Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)

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